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SUBJECT: RICE TRANSSHIPMENTS SAIGON TO CAMBODIA

REF: (A) SAIGON 343 (B) SAIGON 20338 (1973)

1. PL 480 RICE NOW SCHEDULED ARRIVE SAIGON FOR TRANS-
SHIPMENT PHNOM PENH AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	TONNAGE	ETA
LESLIE LYKES	7117	JAN. 8
PRESIDENT ADAMS	10567	JAN. 10
FREDERICK LYKES	4250	JAN. 18
PRESIDENT ARTHUR	11112	JAN. 27
CHIEN CHUAN	9538	JAN. 30
PRESIDENT JACKSON	8051	FEB. 15-20
HAWAIIAN MOTORIST	6038	FEB. 15-20

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CHIEN PING	6500	FEB. 17-27

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2. DUE TO THE MANY PROBLEMS INCURRED OBTAINING BUNKERS WE DESIRE TO RID OURSELVES OF CHARTERED COASTERS AT THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE. SHELL HAS AGREED TO BUNKER MONTE CHRISTO, PORT SUN #1 AND HWA SUN ON ONE-TIME BASIS FROM VIETNAMESE STOCKS WITH USAID DEDUCTING PRICE OF BUNKERS FROM FREIGHT DUE THESE SHIPS. WE CANNOT CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE AS IT DEGRADES VIETNAMESE STOCKS. ALL OIL COMPANIES REFUSE TO BUNKER FROM INTERNATIONAL STOCKS BECAUSE ALLOCATIONS PERMIT ONLY BUNKERING OF LONGSTANDING CONTRACT CUSTOMERS.

3. HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH GKR TO BUNKER AT CALTEX FROM TELEKHMER STOCKS WITH PAYMENT MADE TO CALTEX FROM GRANT #442-K-610 BY USAID/SAIGON. CALTEX IS NOW OUT OF TELEKHMER STOCKS BUT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE LIMITED QUANTITIES ABOUT 13 JAN. AT WHICH TIME WE WILL BUNKER ALL TIME CHARTERED TUGS TO CAPACITY AND POSSIBLY A FEW OF THE COASTERS, IF NEEDED. WE HAVE ALSO RETURNED TO THEUSE OF SMALL VIETNAMESE SELF-PROPELLED BARGES AND DUMB BARGES TOWED BY VIETNAMESE TUGS IN ORDER TO AVOID BUNKERING PROBLEMS.

4. PLAN TO TRANSHIP RICE ARRIVING SAIGON AS OUTLINED PARA. 1 AS FOLLOWS:

A. CHRISTOPHER LYKES:
TWO COASTERS, ONE SELFPROPELLED VIETNAMESE BARGE.
ONE COASTER AND BARGE MISSED CONVOY DEPARTING VUNG TAU 9 JAN. BECUSE COASTER COULD NOT OBTAIN BUNKERS IN TIME AND BARGE COULD NOT OBTAIN TIMELY CLEARANCE FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

B. LESLIE LYKES: THREE COASTERS AND TWO TIME-CHARTERED BARGES.

C. PRESIDENT ADAMS:
TWO COASTERS, NINE VIETNAMESE BARGES AND TWO TIME-CHARTERED BARGES FRO TOTAL TONS
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8363.85 TONS. REMAINING 2203.55 GROSS M/T WILL BE USED TO REPAY GVN PART OF 45,000 TONS LOANED TO GKR.

D. FREDERICK LYKES: ONE COASTER, THREE TIME-CHARERED BARGES.

E. PRESIDENT ARTHUR: FIVE TIME CHARTERED BARGES PLUS TWO LARGE VIETNAMESE BARGES (WITH TIME-CHARTERED TUG) AND

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SIX VIETNAMESE BARGES.

F. PRESIDENT JACKSON: SIX TIME-CHARTERED BARGES.

G. HAWAIIAN MOTORIST: ONE TIME-CHARTERED BARGE PLUS
THREE LARGE VIETNAMESE BARGES TOWED BY TIME CHARTERD TUGS.

5. BASED ON PROJECTED RICE ARRIVALS, NOW PLAN TO RELEASE
ALL COASTERS AFTER DELIVERY RICE FROM CHIEN CHUAN DUE
SAIGON 30 JANUARY AS FEB.-MARCH ARRIVALS CAN BE TRANSHIPPED
USING TIME CHARTERED ASSETS. WE PRESENTLY HAVE SEVEN COASTERS
UNDER CONSECUTIVE VOYAGE CHARTER WHICH, ONCE RELEASED,
WE CAN ONLY ENTICE TO RETURN IF WE CAN GUARANTEE BUNKERS AT
SAIGON. IN ORDER TO PROJECT OUR LIFT REQUIREMENTS BEYOND
FEBRUARY, REQUEST BEST ESTIMATE TONNAGE RICE CAN BE EXPECTED
TO BE TRANSHIPPED SAIGON BY MONTH THROUGH REMAINDER 1974.
THIS WILL ALSO HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON STAFFING OF LOGISTICS
ACTIVITY RECOMMENDED REF(A).

6. OUR CONTINUED ABILITY TO MOVE RICE TO PHNOM PENH IS
HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON THE AVILABILITY OF BUNKERS.
RECOMMEND AID/W AGAIN APPROACH DOD TO USE U.S. MILITARY
BUNKERS, RECOMMENDED REF(B).

7. UNLESS GENERAL AVERAGE BOND QUICKLY POSTED BY SONEXIM
TO COVER PRESIDENT ADAMS, ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL BE SERIOUSLY
AFFECTED. DECON : 1/11/75.
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